

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 455th Meeting of the Council, Hilton Inn, San Francisco Airport, January 9, 1960.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman in the Hilton Inn, located at San Francisco Airport, on Saturday, January 9, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Reynolds, President-Elect Foster, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Gifford, Harrington, Davis, Sherman, Campbell, Lum, Bostick and Teall, Secretary Hosmer and Editor Wilbur.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Whelan, Collins, Marvin, Edwards and Salisbury and Doctor Batchelder of CMA staff; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Jensen of Fresno, Pettis and Field of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Brayer of Riverside, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Somerville of Napa and Donovan of Santa Clara; Messrs. Paolini and Lyon and Doctor Larsen of California Physicians' Service; Doctor Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health; Doctor John Key of the State Department of Social Welfare; Doctors Francis E. West and Arlo A. Morrison, past presidents; Doctor Albert Miller and Doctor Henry Brown, president, of the San Mateo County Medical Society; Doctor Roberta Fenlon, president of San Francisco Medical Society; Doctor John G. Morrison, president of Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Society; Doctor Leopold A. Snyder, president of the Fresno County Medical Society; Doctor Dan O. Kilroy, and others.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 454th meeting of the Council, held December 12, 1959 were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of January 7, 1960, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, four delinquent members whose 1959 dues had been received were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, four applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Lawrence H. Winter, Alameda-Contra Costa; Kurt J. Elsbach, Los Angeles County; Burton L. Zinnamon, Sonoma County, Mary Allen, Tulare County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, five members were voted a reduction of dues because of illness or postgraduate study.

3. Unfinished Business:

On report that the Council had not taken definitive action on a resolution from the 1956 House of Delegates, relating to narcotics addiction, it was duly moved, seconded and voted that this subject be referred to the Commission on Public Agencies for study and report back to the Council.

4. Report of the President:

President Reynolds reported on a request received from the National Foundation for nominees for appointment to a scholarship selection committee. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the Chairman of the Council to make such nominations.

5. Report of President-Elect

President-Elect Foster presented a check (for \$8,800) received from Wyeth Co. to aid in the publication of *Medical Dates Bulletin* by the Committee on Postgraduate Activities. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept this contribution with thanks and a commendation for this service to the medical profession.

6. Committee on Finance:

(a) Chairman Heron of the Committee on Finance presented a proposed budget for the 1960-1961 fiscal year. Following general discussion, it was agreed that several additional detailed reports be made available to the members of the Council so that final action on the budget could be taken prior to the 1960 Annual Session.

(b) Doctor Heron also presented a report of the current financial status, which was ordered filed.

(c) Doctor Heron reported that a request from the Woman's Auxiliary for additional funds for publication of its journal could be met without an additional appropriation.

7. Committee on Committee Nominations:

Doctor Bostick reviewed the tentative list of nominations for commission and committee appointments, which is subject to Council and House of Delegates approval. The Chairman stated that the list will be sent to each Councilor and action thereon is deferred to next Council meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint the members of the Committee on Traffic Safety as members of a standing committee.

8. Delegates to A.M.A.:

The secretary read a letter from Doctor Donald Cass, chairman of the Delegates to the American Medical Association, in which he praised the effectiveness and devotion to duty of the Delegates and Alternates to the A.M.A.

9. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) Mr. Hassard reported that Mr. Richard Lyon of California Physicians' Service and several of his associates are visiting county societies to assist them in preparation of data regarding the care of the aged.

(b) Doctor Sherman reported that Doctor Batchelder and Messrs. Whelan and Lyon had reviewed the program for the aged operating in Santa Cruz County and would make a report on it later.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to commend most highly Doctor Francis J. Cox, retiring as chairman of the Commission on Medical Services, for his long and effective services to the Association.

10. *Commission on Community Health Services:*

(a) Doctor MacLaggan reported that the Committee on Traffic Safety wished to be able to call in specialists for consultation on various aspects of its program. On motion duly made and seconded, authority to expand the consultation services of the committee was voted.

(b) A request for Association representation on a voluntary organization for rehabilitation was received and it was agreed that the Committee on Rehabilitation arrange to evaluate the organization and its program.

(c) A report on the medical needs of farm labor was presented and discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept limited portions of this report as policy and to allow the use of other portions for information and discussion purposes. The sections approved as policy found that farm labor in California today is no longer migratory, that former migrants have now achieved citizenship and should not be separated from other welfare cases when in financial need. Mexican nationals, who are migratory, were not included in this consideration.

11. *Governor's Commission on Health Needs:*

Report was made that the Governor's Commission on the Health Needs of California, of which Doctors Reynolds and Foster are members, would meet soon and that the two CMA representatives would probably need staff assistance. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to provide Doctors Reynolds and Foster with all indicated staff assistance.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to establish an advisory committee to Doctors Reynolds and Foster in this activity, the Council chairman to name such committee. The chairman named Doctors Lum, Sherman, West and Kilroy to this body.

12. *Commission on Public Policy:*

Doctor Kilroy reported that two measures would

soon be under consideration for legislative action relating to health insurance coverage for State employees. One would provide for state contributions to health insurance costs for employees, the other to establish a state commission to regulate the type of coverage to be purchased. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council reaffirm its earlier policy in support of the State contributing *as an employer* to the cost of health insurance for State employees.

A report with recommendations for the conduct of physicians in hospitals, developed by a joint committee of the Association and the California Hospital Association, was presented. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve in principle the "Guiding Principles—Hospital Relationships" subject to further clarification in the implementation portion at the close of the report.

Doctor Kilroy also presented an outline of a public relations program, together with its estimated cost, in response to Resolution No. 18 of the 1959 House of Delegates, which was referred to the Commission on Public Policy for study and report to the Council.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to table any Council action at this time on a recommendation on this report.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the Commission on Public Policy to present this outline to the 1960 House of Delegates.

13. *Commission on Professional Welfare:*

Doctor Kirchner reported that the Committee on the Private Practice of Medicine in Medical Schools had taken no further action on a situation referred to it from Santa Clara County, since it was felt that the matter had been adequately resolved at the local level.

14. *State Department of Public Health:*

Doctor Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, reported on a serious outbreak of rabies in Imperial County, on which state authorities are working with Mexican authorities in controlling rabid dogs in the border area.

Doctor Merrill also reported that California had registered 430 cases of poliomyelitis in 1959, only 17 of which were fatal. Of the fatalities, one was a person who had had a course of three injections of Salk vaccine. The vaccine, he reported, was still regarded as about 85% effective where three injections are given.

15. *California Physicians' Service:*

Doctor Arlo A. Morrison gave a progress report on California Physicians' Service, which showed 781,000 members at the close of 1959, or some 45,000 more than a year earlier. Employees at the year-

end totaled 635, compared with 718 at the end of 1958, and total administrative costs were 10.5% of income. CPS is now handling 58,000 claims monthly and in 1959 only 1,100 claims were deemed questionable enough to be referred to county review committees.

California Physicians' Insurance Corp., Doctor Morrison reported, now has an income of more than \$1,100,000 annually.

16. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that several By-Law amendments voted by the Council had been prepared and would be introduced in the 1960 House of Delegates as emanating from the Council. He also reported that two suits pending against the Association or its officers were still before the courts but not endangering the CMA or its officers at this time.

17. *Hospital Construction Requirements:*

Doctor MacLaggan presented a resolution from a member in San Diego County, who asked that a review be made of rules and regulations governing fire safety provisions for certain equipment installed in hospitals. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this to the Liaison Committee with the California Hospital Association.

18. *Veterans' Administration:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council urge the American Medical Association to investigate the policies of the Veterans' Administration as to admissions, construction programs and other matters.

19. *1960 House of Delegates:*

Speaker Doyle reported that the proposed report of the Committee on Social Security Poll Format would be presented to the House of Delegates for decision.

Doctor Doyle also announced that the presidents of allied organizations would be invited to attend the opening session of the House of Delegates.

20. *Council Meeting Dates:*

On motion duly made and seconded, the Council approved a *proposed* schedule of Council meetings for 1960 which called for ten meetings during the calendar year.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

DONALD D. LUM, M.D., *Chairman*

MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

